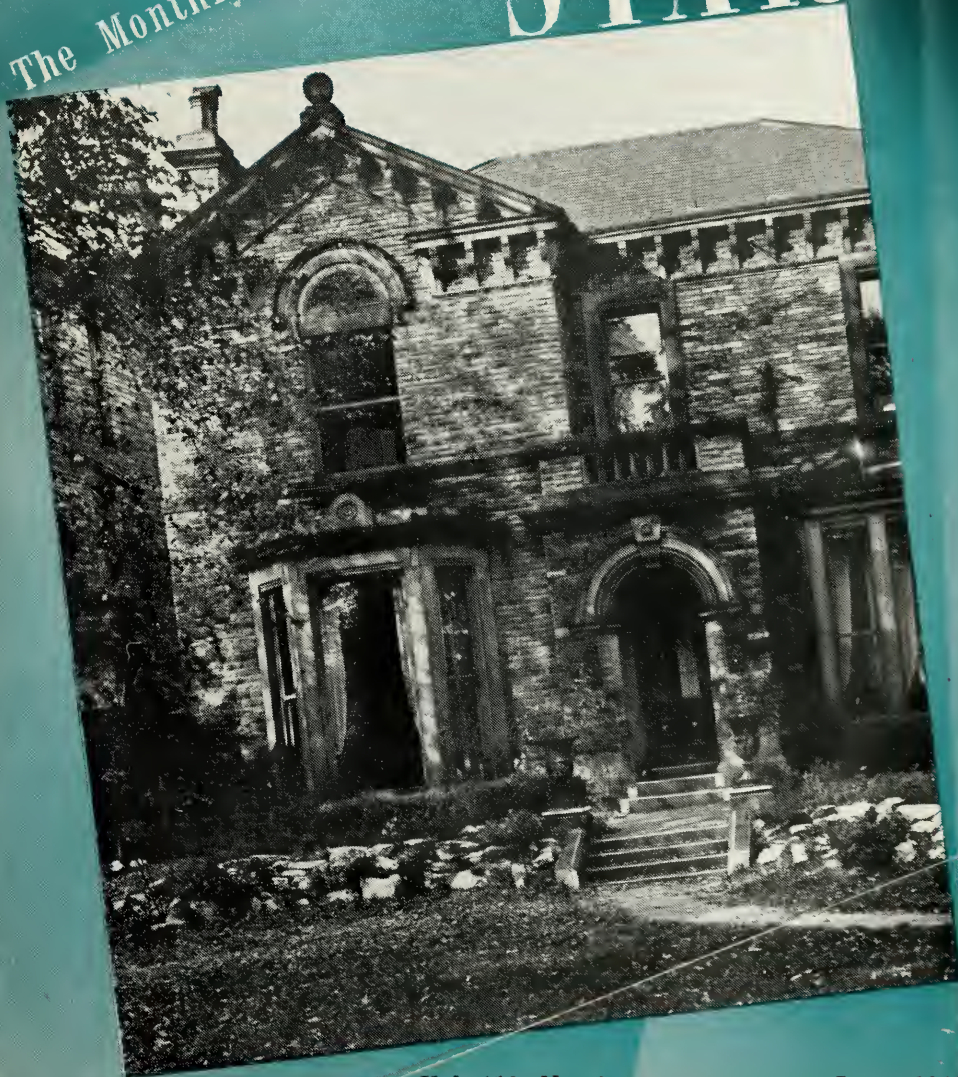


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## About the Cover

### “Fernbrook”—Dewsbury Chapel and Genealogical Headquarters

**T**HE front cover for this issue is that of the Church-owned property located at 10 Oxford Road, Dewsbury. It serves as the Dewsbury Branch Chapel and as headquarters for the British Mission Genealogical Department. This property, known as “Fernbrook,” has recently been purchased by the Church and is scheduled to be dedicated in the near future.

Built of large blocks of limestone, “Fernbrook” is centrally located in a quiet and beautiful residential district. The building includes several offices, class rooms, bedrooms, and a chapel.

The front yard, which is approximately one hundred feet square, is very attractively landscaped. The back yard is two hundred feet by one hundred feet and consists of a well-kept garden and lawn.

The Dewsbury property is successfully filling the needs of the Saints in that area. It promises to be the centre of much Church activity in the future.

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# Reflections on

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# A Year in Zion

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The author, Vivian Meik, is a former diplomatic correspondent for "The People" and now a columnist for "The Deseret News." Converted to the Church just a year ago, Brother Meik, in the following article written especially for the "Millennial Star," tells of his impressions of and activities in Zion.

By Vivian Meik

I CAN hardly realise as I write this that it is almost a year since I left England for Zion. For me it has been a year of great events and will have profound influence, I know, on the rest of my life.

Just over a year ago I had the great joy of being received into our Church, but today, as I look back, I find it hard to realise that I have not always been a part of our great and wonderful organisation.

And yet, somehow, England never seems very far away from my thoughts. I am always remembering with the deepest affection the red mission house in Nightingale Lane and my friends there who gave me so sincere a welcome and so much help when I took the most important step in my life.

I was, of course, sad at leaving my homeland, for I had behind me almost a lifetime of work and play, and even if I say it myself, some honest pride in such worldly progress as I had achieved.

I left with all the natural fears and anxieties that must bear down on a not-so-young man trying to begin life again in a new, strange country and in circumstances which were little better than guess work.

How unnecessary those fears were! From the minute of my arrival I was greeted and cared for as a brother indeed, and since then I have been received with almost embarrassing

courtesy and kindness in more homes than I can record.

Zion has been to me in very sooth that oasis in a desert of that world of uncertainty and insanity of which I wrote when I first saw the way clearly marked—the way which led me straight to a happiness beyond words.

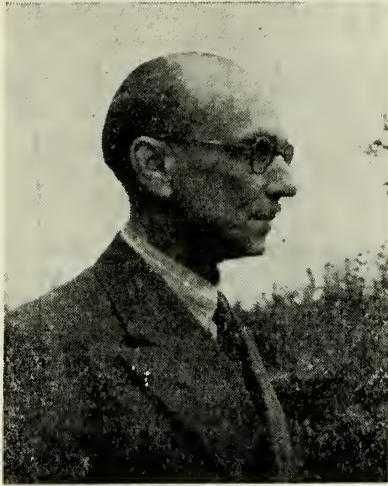
You have heard much about Zion—both by hearsay and reading the *Star*. Today I want to tell you of another Zion—a Zion which is made up of the hearts and love, of the sincerity and the courage in their beliefs by the children and grandchildren of those Pioneers whom God first brought here.

I had, of course, been warned that our folk here were ordinary human beings with all the weaknesses common to all mankind, and that I would surely meet many disappointments when I found that perhaps a not inconsiderable proportion of our people did not carry their responsibilities nearly as well as they should.

I have met many of these people, but I cannot say that I record disappointment. Sometimes I felt very sad that these things should be, but such is my own belief—indeed my firm conviction—that I hold these are temporary lapses and will surely pass. Our Gospel is too great and too strong, and our Articles of Faith, which illustrate the Gospel in which we believe, is too powerful a magnet for anyone to resist who has once come under the spell of its truth and beauty.

Having mentioned what I might call the debit side of my year's balance sheet, let me now turn to the things I know that you would like to hear about.

I spoke of the Zion of great hearts with its affection and love, which I



Vivian Meik

have been honoured to enter. Here indeed I have found an unbelievable happiness, almost an earthly paradise.

These brothers and sisters of ours in this land are good people in the greatest sense of the word, and I make that statement after considering it in every aspect—and I am willing to prove its truth on any world platform in any circumstances.

I won't labour the point by quoting a mass of statistics, but if the fact that Zion leads America in such things as education, health, public morality, civic sense, and industry is any standard by which the quality of human beings is judged, then our people must be what I claim for them, because it is they who have placed Zion in this leading position.

I can write of all these things with firsthand knowledge and intimate and personal experience, for since my arrival I have spoken at Church and other meetings in a great many wards in the state. I have also met our folk and their friends at scores of civic luncheons sponsored by the local branches of the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and other clubs.

As for my work on "The Deseret News" as its columnist, this is work not only after my own heart, but a job which has given me a greater sense of justifiable pride and uplift of morale than any I have held in my life—and my life has covered interesting work over thirty countries, twenty years, and across the seven seas.

On behalf of this fine newspaper I have travelled across the length and breadth of America and I have met, both officially and socially in their own homes, many of the people who make up the American scene and are prime movers in the fashioning of American history.

Among these personalities are: President Truman; Governor Dewey of New York; Harold E. Stassen, aspirant to the presidency; General Eisenhower; Senators Taft and Vandenberg; and Senator Glen Taylor who is running for the office of Vice-President with Henry A. Wallace on a third party; the Utah Senators Watkins and Thomas; J. Edgar Hoover, Head of the F.B.I.; Warren Austin, representative in the United Nations; Bernard M. Baruch, financial adviser; John R. Steelman, Assistant to President Truman in the White House; Joseph W. Martin, Junr., the Speaker of the House of Representatives; President Compton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston; Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor of The University of Chicago; William A. Patterson, President of the United Air Lines; T. S. Petersen of the Standard Oil Company in San Francisco—and many others. Also while in California I visited the M.G.M. studio and watched them work on the film "The Three Musketeers" and met the star, Van Heflin, along with others.

You can imagine how liberal an education this has been to me and how grateful I am to Him who brought me here for this enriching experience. Indeed, I am more than grateful, for it has enabled me—and will enable me—to serve this cause that is so dear to all our hearts more efficiently. By the

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# THE DIVINE CHURCH AND ●—THE HUMAN CHURCH—●

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the concluding article in a series of six written by President James L. Barker of the French Mission. President Barker is the author of "Protestors of Christendom," a recent publication telling of the apostasy of the early Christian church.

By James L. Barker  
President of the  
French Mission

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"WE believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are:

- (1) Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- (2) Repentance;
- (3) Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins;
- (4) Laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost."

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**T**HIS simple and beautiful plan for the progress and happiness of man is neither arbitrary nor dogmatic. It follows a natural sequence, one step growing logically out of the preceding one. Since the love of the truth cannot be forced, man must of himself desire the truth sincerely, not as a mere intellectual interest, but in order to live in harmony and obedience to it. In its beginnings, belief—faith—is only the sincere desire to find the truth and to obey it, but in the measure in which one seeks the truth, comes the reward, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in the truths He taught.

And having been led to believe as the multitude on the day of Pentecost, the question naturally arises, "What shall we do?" and the answer is, "Repent and be baptised, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and to your children, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2: 37-39) The degree to which one accepts the leadership of Jesus Christ and conforms his life to

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the Gospel truths is the measure of his sincerity. He who learns of a better way of life making for the attainment of the highest and noblest purposes of life, must forsake the old and adopt the new—he must repent or no progress will be made.

If one believes in Jesus Christ, one is naturally anxious to forsake one's sins, to be forgiven and to become reconciled with the Saviour, to make a covenant with Him to serve under His leadership and the leadership of His servants, in order to build a better and a happier world. The Lord has ordained such a covenant and, as the Redeemer of mankind, could presumably have chosen a covenant quite arbitrarily but, as a matter of fact, the covenant of baptism by immersion has not been chosen arbitrarily. It is a means of expressing one's determination to serve the Lord and, because of its simplicity, is open to all. It could not be more beautifully symbolical of cleansing, cleansing from error and sin; nor of a new birth—of a resurrection to a new life. Inasmuch as it is a symbolical re-enactment of the death and resurrection of Jesus, there could be no more fitting acknowledgment of Him as our Saviour and Redeemer. Through baptism, the baptised becomes one of those who have formally expressed their desire to serve the Lord, and has been received into His church as a member.

Paul says, ". . . as many of you as have been baptised into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3: 27) Baptism is necessary for salvation, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16: 16) In other words, he who is not sufficiently



interested to investigate the truth, to "look into" the evidence, to become convinced, and then to act—to him, the leadership of the Saviour, the guidance of the Spirit, and the redemption effected by the Saviour, will be as if they were not. Without obedience to the laws of the Gospel, the high purpose of life, salvation, cannot be attained.

Baptism is so important that Cornelius, though he had seen an angel, was baptised; Paul, though he had had the vision of the Living Christ on the way to Damascus, was asked rather impatiently by Ananias, "And now, why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptised, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22: 16) Baptism is so important that the Lord Jesus Himself was baptised and as He "went straightway out of the water... the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3: 16-17)

Since it is by virtue of the atoning mission of Christ that men are reconciled to the Lord and their sins are forgiven through the ordinance of baptism, and since it is by baptism that one is received into His church, it is perfectly obvious that whoever baptises must be authorised of Jesus Christ, must bear His priesthood. Were it not so, there could be no order in the church. While on the earth, Jesus did not baptise Himself, but His disciples baptised for Him (John 4: 1, 2) And when His earth mission was finished, He again sent them forth to baptise. (Matthew 28: 16-19) He gave them His authority, His priesthood to act in His name. On one occasion when certain ones who had not been commissioned by Jesus acted, in a lesser matter, in His name, they were put to scorn by an evil spirit. (Acts 19: 13-17)

After one has, by repentance and baptism, rendered obedience to God's will, he receives, by the laying on of hands, the Heavenly Father's great-



James L. Barker

est gift to man—the gift of the Holy Ghost. But this conferring of the Holy Ghost can come only after valid baptism by one having the authority of the priesthood. By the gift of the Holy Ghost, belief is changed into knowledge. In this individual testimony that comes from the "witness" of the Spirit resides the strength of the Church.

Moreover the Holy Ghost guides into further truth, speaks peace and love into the hearts and souls of men, and unites them in the bonds of real brotherhood.

It is through the Holy Ghost that the Lord chooses His servants, directs them in their ministry and thus guides His Church. The Church, with the "witness" of the Holy Ghost and with divine guidance, is the divine church—the Church of Jesus Christ.

As long as men sincerely believed and repented and were validly baptised and confirmed by divine authority, they received the gift of the Holy Ghost. "Under its influence and under paternal authority of the chief of the Apostles, the growing community is organised and develops like the most united of families." (Mourret, *Les Origine Chrétiennes*, pp. 37.38) The gifts of the Spirit continued for more than a century and a half after the

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# “New” Bradford Branch

## Progressing

**L**EADING the activities of the Bradford Branch are Branch President Stanley Robertshaw, his counsellors, and auxiliary officers. These brothers and sisters, humble and sincere in their callings, are guiding the Bradford Saints in spiritual, social and recreational activities.

Arthur Warnes and Fred Laycock are serving as counsellors to President Robertshaw, with John Bradbury as branch clerk, assisted by Allan Firth.

The Bradford Branch might well be called the “New Bradford Branch” because an almost complete reorganisation of the Branch has taken place in recent months. Through the proselytising activities of the local Saints and missionaries, several conversions have been made—fourteen in the past four months. The many emigrations of Branch members have even furthered this change.

One of the most active auxiliaries in the Branch is the Relief Society. It is headed by Kitty Laycock as president, with Hilda Firth and Edith Walsworth as counsellors. Welfare work has been stressed in recent months and supplies of clothing and foodstuffs are being stored. A chorus known as the “Singing Mothers” has been organised under the direction of Florence Dennis.

With an average attendance of seventy-eight, the Sunday School organisation is one of the most complete in the Leeds District. Superintendent Herbert Walker is assisted by Leslie Weatherill and Annie Illingworth, with Irene Firth as secretary. Officers' and business meetings are held regularly and a high level of interest is being maintained in this work.

Presidents of the Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.W.M.I.A. are Albert Kirk and Gladys Goldthorpe. Their counsellors are Fred Laycock, Newsome Kirk, Kitty

By Ralph L. Jack



**Bradford Branch Presidency.**

**From left to right: Arthur Warnes, First Counsellor; Stanley Robertshaw, Branch President; and Fred Laycock, Second Counsellor**

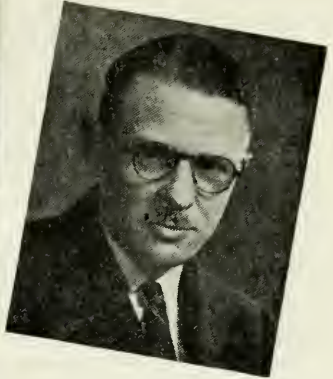
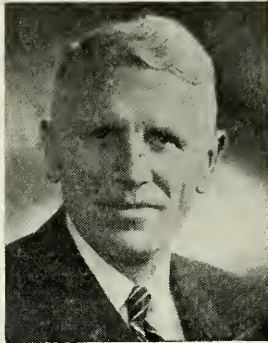
Laycock and Margaret Smith. During the M.I.A. winter season just concluded, all departments but the Junior Girls were organised. That group will be formed, however, for the coming autumn season. The summer activity programme for the M.I.A. will consist of outdoor recreation and cultural arts. The Bee-hive Girl Chorus, which has often sung in the Bradford area, also remains active.

Two Primary groups are functioning in the Branch—a Branch and Home Primary. Anne Kirk is Primary Mother and has approximately thirty non-member girls in her group. The girls are now planning a bazaar for their mothers with articles made in their activity classes. Herbert Walker meets with the boys, all of whom are of Trail Builder age, and is conducting an outdoor programme for them. Bertha Warnes is in charge of the Home Primary, which consists of both member and non-member children.

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# MESSAGE from the MISSION PRESIDENCY



ONE of the most charming and delightful characteristics of the Latter-day Saints is found in the natural hospitality and kindly welcome extended to the guest or caller into the home. Always their is the warm handclasp, the friendly smile, the pleasant sensation that their home is open to the visitor and no effort too great to assure comfort and pleasure.

This is most commendable. It stands at the top of the list of attributes applicable to man in his highest state of civilised development. It is a quality of conduct being continually taught and sought after in our cultural development departments of the Church. True hospitality in the home lends a charm and grace to even the humblest of abodes.

There is danger, however, in permitting a mistaken idea of hospitality to lead some of us into an unconscious act of great inhospitableness. We refer to the feeling among some of the Saints that their obligation to a guest in the house is greater than their obligation to the established requirements of the Lord on His holy day.

How often have you heard someone say, "We were so sorry to have missed Sacrament Meeting last Sunday, but we had guests in the house and, of course, couldn't leave them."

True hospitality means to give the very best we have to our visiting guests, relatives, or friends. What finer gift can we offer them than that of taking them along with us to our various Church meetings and duties? What better appraisal could we have them make of us than that we honour and cherish our religious privileges above all other considerations and that we delight in sharing these great blessings with them?

No true Latter-day Saint should allow a Sunday to pass without being in attendance, not just in Sacrament Meeting which is of the greatest importance, but also in the Sunday School, there to be part and parcel of this great programme of continuing advancement in a knowledge of the things of God. Sermons are not enough. Each of us needs the stimulating effect of class study and participation to keep us ever on the upward trend toward that perfection which we all seek in the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven. Let us each so resolve from this day forth.

*Selwyn J. Boyer*  
*Nallanet L. Reid*  
*George A. Cook*

# THE STORY BEHIND THE BROADCAST



ON the evening of May 3rd and May 7th, the British Broadcasting Corporation presented a full hour programme on the history of the "Mormon Church."

By William R. Callister

Associate Editor

Reaction among the Saints was varied. Many were completely satisfied, believing that the B.B.C. did a masterful job in maintaining good balance. No offence to the Church had been caused and no attempt was made by the B.B.C. to commit themselves as to the veracity of the claims of Joseph Smith. Others were disappointed. They felt that the B.B.C. script writer had, in some instances, sacrificed facts for "colour" and "listening appeal."

But as the programme came to an end on the evening of May 3rd, ten persons huddled around a small wireless set in South London, breathed sighs of relief and nodded their approval. British Mission President Selvoy J. Boyer wiped the perspiration from his forehead with the back of his hand and exclaimed, "Not bad at all. Not bad at all."

It all began last July when a telegram arrived at Mission Headquarters from European Mission President Alma Sonne in Sweden stating that a B.B.C. script writer named Michael Wharton was anxious to secure some information about the Church. As President Boyer was also in Sweden at the time, President Sonne had directed me to contact Mr. Wharton and arrange an interview.

Mr. Wharton arrived at Mission Headquarters at the appointed time. He informed me of a proposed B.B.C. broadcast concerning the history of the Church. He asked questions covering a wide scope, seemed particularly interested in the Welfare Programme

and the present economical and social status of the Mormon people. He told me that he had read a great deal about the Mormons. I soon found, however, that his sources of information ranged from questionable to completely unreliable.

I explained our point of view to Mr. Wharton and presented him with books and pamphlets concerning the teachings of the Church, hoping to counter many of the false impressions which had already been created. I offered him the use of the European Mission Library and the use of a set of Tabernacle Choir records for possible background music. Mr. Wharton left with the promise that I could have the opportunity of reading over the entire script before it was broadcast.

I kept in touch with Mr. Wharton by telephone. At one time he informed me that the broadcast dates were set, and then later, he informed me they were cancelled. The dates were again set, and again cancelled. It looked as though the programme had fallen through.

Then towards the latter part of April, I received a letter from Mr. Wharton stating that the broadcast would be on May 3rd and May 7th; that he hoped that I would enjoy the programme. There was no indication of any intention on his part to let me examine the script.

A series of telephone calls to Mr. Wharton resulted in promises, delays and disappointments. On the Friday morning before the Monday broadcast, I had still not been given an opportunity to see the script.

I phoned again. This time I was told that if I came out to Mr. Wharton's flat in North London, I could read the script. I was there at the appointed time and commenced reading. A half-hour later, as I completed the last page, my heart was filled with disappointment and disgust. I had read of a Joseph Smith who was an illiterate bully, a self-acclaimed violator of the Lord's commandments; of a Book of Mormon which supposedly exposed the mysteries surrounding the lost ten tribes; of strange blood-curdling rites and oaths of murder subscribed to by Saints and initiated by Joseph Smith; and of many other mystical practices and teachings that were as false as they were weird.

In answer to my immediate protests, Mr. Wharton informed me that he believed his information to be reliable; that it was the result of his study of from fifty to sixty books at the British Museum. He went on to say that while no radical changes in the script were possible at that late hour, some parts would have to be cut to keep within the one hour limit. With that in mind, I proceeded to list all major inaccuracies in the script and left with Mr. Wharton's promise to do what he could in adjusting them.

Saturday morning I phoned Mr. Wharton to inquire about the changes; he had not yet been down to the B.B.C. for the producer's approval. Saturday night and all day Sunday I phoned him; no answer. Monday morning, the day of the broadcast, I phoned again; Mr. Wharton was already down at the B.B.C. watching the rehearsal. I phoned the B.B.C.; they could not locate him.

By this time my mind was greatly troubled. Had Mr. Wharton made the changes I outlined? Should I attempt to cancel the entire programme? Should I sit back and let things work out for themselves? I attempted to contact the Mission Presidency, but without success. A decision had to be made.

Suddenly I thought of Frank Ward, President of the Mission Y.M.M.I.A.

and a man well acquainted with business procedure. Perhaps he would accompany me to the Headquarters of the B.B.C. and attempt to obtain an interview with someone connected with the programme. I phoned him up, he agreed, and soon we were headed for the Broadcasting House on Regent Street, home of the B.B.C.

It was with prayerful hearts that we entered the foyer of the Broadcasting House. We were soon confronted with girls at the desk, apparently well trained in discouraging would-be entrants into the inner sanctuary. We were told bluntly that the producer and author were busily engaged in rehearsal and could not be disturbed. Our hopes dropped. But Frank Ward went back to the desk again and asked to see the producer's secretary. This time it worked.

After listening to our problems for several minutes, the secretary set a tentative appointment with the producer at two o'clock in the afternoon—less than six hours before the actual broadcast. But even that was beyond our expectations.

At two o'clock sharp we were led by one of the boy attendants up to the seventh floor studios. Here we were greeted very kindly by the producer, Nesta Pain. She listened most attentively to our problems. She extended her sympathy and her possible assistance.

The script was laid before us. I was delighted to learn that many of my listed suggestions had already been incorporated into it. Several additional changes were requested and were granted to us by author and producer where possible. The kindness and consideration extended to us by the B.B.C. personnel was exceptional.

After all possible changes were effected, we were introduced to the members of the cast. Brother Ward

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# "WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

The story of an octogenarian who has received great pleasure through many years of service in the Gospel

By Albert Eccles  
Bristol District

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**M**ANY wives . . . Mormon . . . Brigham Young . . ." The ten-year-old boy heard these words sung by two coarse-looking men who were leading some of the Bristol citizens to slanderous action against the Mormon people.

Thirty-three years later this recollection returned as his brother told him about the Mormon Church and the lack of divine authority in all the other churches of the world. He had wondered why people in these times did not have a prophet as did the Israelites in the days of Moses and Isaiah. He was quite interested when his brother answered, "... but that's what I want to tell you, Henry. The Lord has again set up His kingdom on the earth through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith."

It wasn't long before Henry Neal was attending socials and meetings held by the Latter-day Saints. He was particularly impressed by the wholesome activity of the Saints and the gentlemanly conduct of the missionaries at the various social outings. It was only a matter of time before his conversion was complete. The baptism took place at the historical Roman Baths near Bristol in the city of Bath.

The building trade, which was his occupation, kept Henry Neal quite busy. But he was never one to neglect his religious duties. He testifies that he always enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord when busily engaged in the work of the Church.

One day while hard at work near the roof of a building, he suffered a fall which put him in the hospital with a concussion of the brain. The elders



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Brother and Sister Henry Neal  
of Bristol

were called in and they administered to him. His miraculous recovery in only ten days astonished the doctors and nurses in attendances. Many times, Brother Neal has felt the hand of the Lord aiding and protecting him and his family.

During the terrible blitzes of the recent war, they had no fear for danger. Even though houses were burned and destroyed in many parts of Bristol, these good Saints put their trust in God. Their prayers were answered; their home and family were preserved.

As branch president for seventeen years, Brother Neal worked hard in the Church. This diligence served to strengthen his testimony greatly. Many times he was called by the district president to go on circuit speaking to the various branches in the vicinity of Cardiff and Cheltenham. He was fortunate in having a worthy son who could take his place conducting the meetings in the local branch. One of his daughters, now Esther Harris of Beaver City, Utah, also

assisted him in his Church work. He and his loving, faithful wife have a wonderful family of which they are very proud—and rightly so. One son, Frederick George Neal, is a branch president in London. Another son, John Walter, is presiding over a branch in the Australian Mission. Of their six living children, all are members of the Church. What a blessing and tribute to such good parents.

Brother Neal has been personally acquainted with ten apostles. Some of these distinguished men have sat around the table in his small home. Many travelling missionaries have found their way to Brother and Sister Neal's hearth-side and have received added zeal and stronger testimonies from their associations with this good couple. Typical of the many tributes to Brother Neal's hard labours in performing the Lord's work is this fragment from a letter written to him by Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve in 1932: ". . . I am very happy to know that the work under your supervision is progressing favourably. Your watchful care over the Bristol Branch these many years will be rewarded, I know, by our Heavenly Father . . ." Memories of

such incidents as these certainly must be gratifying to Brother Neal.

As he looks back over his own life, Brother Neal tells the story about the farmer who laboured diligently in the field but could see no immediate results. But later as the days and years passed by, he could see his efforts bringing forth fruit and he called those fruits "good." What a glorious feeling of warmth and satisfaction there must be in the heart of this eighty-two year old man. True, he is now ailing in health, and these long years tell their tale in thinning, white hair and wrinkled brow. Yet his youthful-sounding voice and vigorous enthusiasm immediately inform one that age cannot dull the testimony or dampen the inspirational fire which has so greatly motivated this man's life.

Here is the story of a Latter-day Saint stalwart who has found happiness in life, not through material possessions, but through that greatest treasure of them all—a fervent testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This man's testimony grew steadily throughout the years because he has tried to emulate in his life those Gospel teachings he holds so dear.

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## MISSION SECRETARY RELEASED



Melvin M. Owens

**A**FTER labouring for fourteen months as Secretary of the British Mission, Elder Melvin M. Owens was released from his duties on May 24th. He is spending the remaining six weeks of his mission in the Newcastle and Liverpool Districts.

All callers at 149 Nightingale Lane in the past year agree that Elder Owens was one of the busiest men in the Mission. Besides worrying about the financial matters of the Mission, Elder Owens has had the responsibility of securing import licenses, obtaining travel tickets, receiving and sending out new missionaries, and many other duties.

Elder Owen's reports have been accurate, neat, and have always been submitted within the required time limits.

The most recent Statistical and Financial report which he prepared brought the following comment from the First Presidency to Mission President Selvo J. Boyer, "We wish to commend you and the members of the office staff on the neatness and general arrangement of the report."

Elder Owens is being replaced by Elder Vennor J. Meacham of Provo, Utah.

# “ Suffer Little Children To Come Unto Me”

Of all the words by tongue or pen, perhaps the saddest are these: “It might have been.”

Into each of our lives there comes at one time or another, the thought of how different, how much better things would be if only we had done a little differently in the past.

“Parents,” and all this word entails, is the foremost concern to many in this retrospective analysis. No greater joy can come to any of us than to see the successful growth and development of our children. Most of us desire for them the very best in life within our means to provide. Yet the greatest benefit for our children is not the amount of money we spend on them, but rather the way we enter into their lives—the training and guidance which we as parents offer for them.

“How can I do this?” a busy hard-working parent may say. “My time is filled with earning a livelihood. How can I take from this essential time and devote it to personal training and guidance of each child?”

The Lord, in His great wisdom, foresaw this condition and blessed His people with an organisation whereby, with co-operation, we can assure our children a full-rounded training during the tender formative years of childhood.

In every community the child is provided with scholastic training. This includes study in language, mathematics, history, geography, etc., and even physical training. The school is also helpful in investing the growing child with an appreciation for the rights of others. With all these splendid ideas at work, one might say, “What more can be asked? Surely these fields of training are sufficient to provide in the life of the child proper incentives and experiences for the desired development.”

By Nora P. Reid

Supervisor of the  
British Mission Primaries

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In one of the larger elementary schools in California, an interested principal discovered that twenty of the boys and girls with outstanding records of achievement belonged to the same religious group. On further investigation, he learned that these children, in addition to the perfunctory training in the schools, had received training of a spiritual and recreational nature in the Primary Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Incidents such as these speak for themselves as to the value of Primary.

Primary offers children of twelve years of age and under valuable training which they can gain in no other way. The Primary teacher can blend in those tender qualities of unselfishness, doing for others, and helping the weak. Then, also, she presents lessons in Church history and instils into the children an appreciation for the heritage that we as members of the Church enjoy. These, together with the many useful arts and handicrafts which make up the Primary curriculum, give the child a sense of personal worth, of really belonging to something desirable, and of being wanted.

The purpose of the Primary Association is to develop in boys and girls faith in God and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ through lessons and activities that appeal to children; to help them in the years of childhood to form worthy habits of life according to Latter-day Saint ideals and standards.

How thankful we as Latter-day Saints may feel that the Lord in His



tender mercy gave to the Prophet such vision, "And they shall also teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord." (D. and C. 68: 28) Where is the Latter-day Saint mother who does not hold the fulfilment of this command as her greatest responsibility? And who would not want to avail herself of an opportunity to teach and train her children in the faith that is so dear to her?

The Primary Association has worked out a plan which any mother can carry on in her home so that all Latter-day Saint children who cannot attend a regular organised Primary may have this training. Every mother that will do this will be able to teach her children the Gospel. They will be closer to her, and a bond of love and faith will unite her family and the inspiration and approval of our Heavenly Father will rest on every mother that will do this.

Primary is important from a missionary point of view. When Elder Joseph F. Merrill, member of the Quorum of the Twelve, was presiding over the European Mission, he said, "The Pri-

mary is the greatest single proselyting agency the Church has."

The growth of the Primaries in the British Mission is very gratifying to see. Over 1,200 children had Primary training last quarter. We are striving to have a Primary in every branch of the Mission—some today have two or three. We are grateful to the officers and teachers, the missionaries, and the branch presidents who so unselfishly give their time and talents for this great work. Let us put forth every effort to see that our children, our neighbour's children, and friends' children have this training, whether it be a Branch, Neighbourhood, or Home Primary.

To the women who unselfishly give their time and talents and exercise patience in training the youth, may we honour them and ever pray that we shall always have such as they.

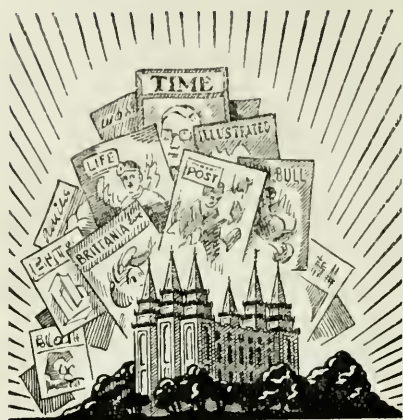
"But Jesus said suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19: 14)



Typical of the many Primary organisations in the Mission is the Stockport Branch Primary

# THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS

## IN BRITAIN



**T**HE following are excerpts from recent publications in Great Britain pertinent to the Church:

### **Gravesend and Dartford Reporter** **MORMON MISSIONARIES' "OPERATION DOORSTEP" — BOOSTING MEMBERSHIP IN NORTH KENT.**

Many Gravesend residents have been visited in recent weeks by two young Americans — representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There has been much speculation over the busy and tireless campaigning by the missionaries of the world's most discussed religious sect.

This week I interviewed one of these Mormon missionaries to find out the reason for their door to door canvas of Gravesend houses (writes a "Reporter" representative).

To give him his full title, he is Elder Ralph Crystal, aged 21, and his home address is 292 W. 2nd South, American Fork, Utah, U.S.A.

Well-built and frank-faced, he talked in a quiet drawing voice, but with an intensity and sincerity that were unmistakable.

He is young, but then so are all the 200 missionaries of the Mormon faith in this country.

They are attempting to boost British membership. Their average age is only twenty-three.

Like his companions, Elder Crystal is over here for a period of two years. Mormon missionaries either pay their own expenses or receive family assistance.

Back in America they are appointed missionaries by the Twelve Apostles of the Church. It is from there that they set out on their crusade to every country that will admit them.

They are descendants of the Pioneers of a century ago who fled to Utah to escape religious persecution. They wear ordinary, everyday clothes, and do not smoke or drink.

The last official estimate of Mormon Church membership was 1,016,170. Gravesend membership is about 50...

Founder of the Church—the Mormons refer to him as the "divine instrument"—was an American, Joseph Smith. He also originated (Mormons say "interpreted") the Book of Mormon, which was first published in 1830.

Elder Crystal told me, "Our book does not contradict the Bible in any way, but we believe it explains things more clearly.

"We believe, too, in the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and that God communicates His will to His chosen prophets on earth today, in the same way as is stated in the New Testament.

"We have our own social activities and sports. All work and no play is not a good thing, and physical as well as spiritual development is necessary. Good clean sports help to build character and friendships."

I asked the Mormon views on marriage and he replied: "We believe matrimony is a divine institution. The sacred vows of marriage point the way to a good life and true happiness."

Said youthful Elder Crystal: "We make bold statements because we believe we have something. All we ask is for people to put us on test and see for themselves."

Local Church of the Latter-day Saints is at 142 Parrock Street. Here Gravesend Mormons meet several times a week, and on Sunday mornings conduct their own Sunday School.

### The Evening News

MORE (and more) MORMONS!

Laughter and the soft drawl of American and Canadian voices will greet you when you enter No. 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham—a large private house standing on half an acre of land. Here, in the midst of southwest suburbia, is the headquarters of Britain's happiest religious sect—the Mormons, to give them their proper title, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Each day from their home twenty-four missionaries, men and women, set out to spread the gospel of Mormonism in the streets of London, paying door to door visits and holding outdoor meetings.

They are seeking more converts to add to their 6,000 British membership. And they are fighting against that old bogey of the Mormons, polygamy, which was stamped out over fifty years ago in the United States.

### ENJOYING LIFE

It is fascinating to meet the Mormons of Nightingale Lane. You will see no clerical robes, no weighty religious dignity. Instead, there is an atmosphere of boyish enthusiasm tempered by a fiery faith in the creed.

The missionaries—men are Elders, women Sisters—are sturdy North Americans, descendants of the Pioneers of a century back who trekked to Utah to escape religious persecution.

Their average age is only 23. The youngest is 19.

They wear ordinary suits, but do not smoke nor drink. When their missionary work is done they will probably play basketball or go to the cinema. They organise young people's meetings, study drama, and in the summer months arrange picnics and sports. A Mormon seeks to enjoy life as it should be enjoyed. And, despite the multi-marriages of their forefathers, their moral code today is very strict.

### SMITH THE PROPHET

The missionaries pay all the expenses of their two-year term abroad out of their own pockets. Many will go back to the States penniless. That, to them, does not matter, all that does matter is that the teachings of a young prophet, Joseph Smith, who was murdered by an angry mob in 1844, should be spread about the world.

"Joseph Smith," says John Widtsoe, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church, "gave to the world a large and rich interpretation of the gospel of Jesus Christ: he made the teachings of the Saviour clear to all and he showed how the gospel, devised for human joy, may be applied every day in the affairs of mankind."

That, in short, is the creed which inspires the Mormons of Nightingale Lane.

### The Two Worlds (Spiritualist)

Article by Horace Leaf

I am writing this article in Salt Lake City where I have been seven days... Salt Lake City is a particularly handsome city, situated in a wide plain amid the Rocky Mountains. It is, of course, famous for Mormonism. These remarkable people migrated from the east and built this city as a refuge from persecution, arising out of their peculiar attitude towards marriage. They long ago renounced plural marriages and have established a powerful political and religious organisation. The Mormon Church stands among the most firmly built religious bodies

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# Editor

## THE MIRACLE OF A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

**S**PRING was drawing nigh in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. The 2,000 Saints who had settled there had just experienced their first winter in the valley. Their hearts were filled with gratitude. The Lord had spared their lives through years of bitter persecution in Ohio, Missouri and Illinois, and had watched over them throughout the tribulations of one of the greatest treks in American history. The Saints were now out of the hands of their persecutors.

But new hardships had entered their lives. Their rudimentary cabins and huts were not sufficient to protect them from the elements. Their clothing supply was rapidly diminishing. But the greatest threat of all was the dangerously low food supply.

Hunger was becoming intense. There was no flour, potatoes or sugar—nothing but milk and beef products, and even these in small quantities. Many were eating thistle stocks, sego lily roots and pigweeds to supplement their scanty diet.

Their hopes were based upon the successful harvest of about 5,000 acres of grain which had been planted—4,000 acres of spring grain and the remaining thousand of winter grain which was at that time beginning to ripen. But even this would barely satisfy their needs. Many more Saints were crossing the plains for Iowa and Nebraska and would soon arrive in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. Their food supply would also be nearly exhausted. They, too, would have to rely on the crops which had been planted in the valley.

Then one day a report came in from one corner of the vast 5,000 acre field to the effect that some small groups of crickets had destroyed several square feet of grain—that they were climbing the stalks, gnawing just below the head until it dropped off, and then descending and devouring it. A week later, a report was received that the cricket menace was growing and might become a serious threat. From then on, reports were no longer necessary on the progress of the crickets. Thousands, even millions could be seen pouring from East Canyon, coming down on the fields, devouring the grain stalk by stalk. As they moved from section to section, they left behind them an area as barren as a desert waste.

The Saints were desperate. They employed every possible means to combat the cricket invader. Deep ditches were dug and filled with water in an attempt to limit their area of destruction. But for every cricket drowned, a thousand more overcame the obstacle and continued destruction. Fire was used, but without success.



Some of the men tried another device, stretching a rope between them as they walked through the fields, knocking the crickets from the stalks, but such methods were futile. Men, women, and children began to beat the crickets with shovels, brooms, and every other available implement, but without avail. The destruction of the entire crops seemed imminent.

But the Saints had been through trials before. Each time they had been delivered. In this critical hour when the grip of starvation seemed to be tightening, the Saints once again lifted their hearts in prayer and asked for deliverance from this plague of death. And their prayers were answered.

Out of the North-west came flocks of seagulls. They circled over the fields and began to alight. At first the Pioneers thought that they, too, had come to feast on the grain. But it was the crickets the gulls were after. More seagulls came. The skies became flooded with them. Black shadows were cast over the fields as they moved in. And they gorged on the crickets until full, vomited, and commenced to gorge again. How many seagulls were there? The journal of one Pioneer says this; "There must have been thousands of them. Their coming was like a great cloud; and when they passed between us and the sun, a shadow covered the field. I could see the gulls settling for more than a mile around us. As I remember it, the gulls came every morning for about three weeks, when their mission was apparently ended, and they ceased coming. The precious crops were saved."

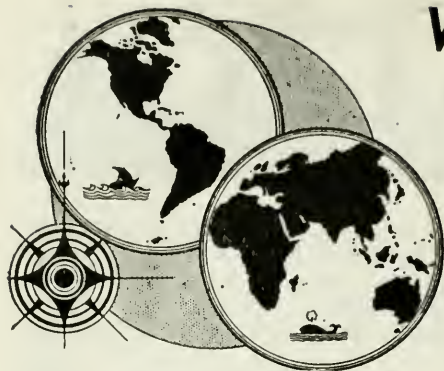
Yes, that is the miracle of the seagulls, and it all happened just 100 years ago. Once again the mercy of the Lord was manifest unto mankind. In Moses's time, manna was provided to sustain the children of Israel in their time of need; in Brigham Young's time—seagulls came to the rescue.

On October 1st, 1913, a beautiful monument of granite and gold-covered brass in memory of the seagull of 1848, erected on the Temple Grounds in Salt Lake City, was unveiled and dedicated. Over 5,000 persons, including fourteen eye witnesses of the miracle, were present. Today it stands as the only monument in existence erected in honour of a bird.

Each year, many thousands of visitors throng to Temple Square. They are invariably intrigued by the Seagull Monument. Many are delighted as they listen to the guides tell of its significance. But to the Latter-day Saints throughout the world, the seagull is more than a story, more than a monument: it is a symbol of the godness of the Lord unto His people, in these, the latter days.

—WILLIAM R. CALLISTER

# World Church News



## BRITISH MISSION RECEIVES PUBLICITY IN CHURCH NEWS.—

Recent issues of "The Church News" have contained interesting items pertaining to the British Mission. In the April 24th issue, the cover picture showed Sister June Carlisle of the Birmingham District, holding a copy of the Book of Mormon posters now on display in London and other cities of Great Britain. An accompanying article appeared on the following page. In the May 16th issue of "The Church News," appeared large pictures of the Denton, Barnsley, Dewsbury and Belfast chapels, with an accompanying article. In the same issue was a reprint from the London "Evening News" telling of the London District missionaries, and also an announcement of the Scout Jamboree to be held at Nottingham on July 24th.

## 2,100 PRIMARY CONFERENCES HELD. —

A total of more than 2,100 Primary Conferences were recently held in the wards and missions of the Church. Total Primary enrollment is estimated at 135,000.

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PLAN APPROVED. —

The First Presidency and Council of the Twelve have recently approved a plan formed in Malmo, Sweden, at the 1947 European Mission Presidents' Conference, for supervision of genealogical research in Europe. The approved plan places all

genealogical research with the missions under the direct supervision of the mission presidents. Each mission president has been instructed to appoint a qualified mission genealogical chairman to supervise and encourage research activities and the preparation of records for temple work. The chairman may be assisted by as many others, similarly appointed as may be deemed necessary by the mission president. All orders for research within a mission should be transmitted through the Genealogical Society of the Church to the Mission Genealogical Chairman, and by him to the actual researcher performing the search. The researcher, in turn, should render his report to the mission chairman. After proper scrutiny, the chairman will forward the report to the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City.

## ADDITIONAL SUSQUEHANNA RIVER PROPERTY PURCHASED BY CHURCH.—

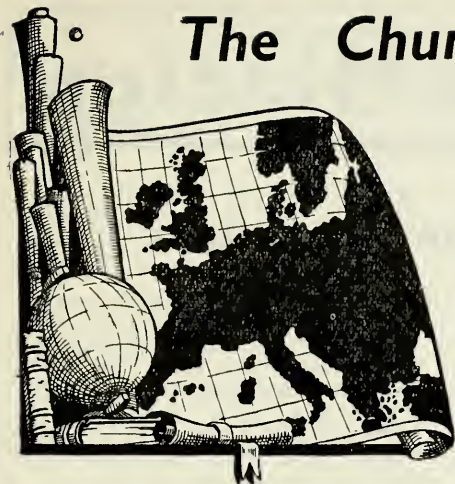
Eighty additional acres of land along the banks of the Susquehanna River adjoining the eighty acres purchased by the Church in 1946, were recently purchased by the Church. The newly-acquired land includes the old home of Isaac Hale, father-in-law of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

## "DESERET NEWS" RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY. —

May 24th "Newsweek," distributed weekly throughout United States and Europe, devoted nearly a page to the "Deseret News'" latest drive to increase circulation in competition with the rival "Salt Lake Tribune." Among the newly offered attractions is a Sunday edition including a 32-page comic and children's news section, a 24-page farm, home and garden section, an eight-page rotogravure section, six pages of sports, and, of course, the "Church News" supplement.



# The Church in Europe



both Swiss, were set apart by President Sonne during the Berne District Conference, May 2nd.

**DANISH MISSION PRESIDENT HAS INTERVIEW WITH KING OF DENMARK.**—President Alma L. Petersen of the Danish Mission desired to express his appreciation to the Danish government for the co-operation the Church has received in that country. He requested and was given an interview with the King of Denmark, King Frederick. He presented His Majesty with an especially bound copy of "The Book of Mormon," "What is Mormonism" and "The Plan of Salvation." The King, who visited Utah several years ago, promised to read and study the literature. President Petersen, who wanted the King to get an understanding of the doctrines being taught the people of Denmark—and many other nations—also bore his testimony to the King.

**NETHERLANDS MISSION CONFERENCE SUCCESS.**—Over thirty percent of the Church membership in Holland gathered in Rotterdam, May 15th, 16th and 17th, for the Mission-wide conference of the Netherlands Mission. President and Sister Alma Sonne of the European Mission were featured guests. Choral groups had practiced for months throughout Holland for the event, and did themselves proud at musical programmes Saturday evening and Sunday morning. At the evening service on May 16th there were 1,112 in attendance to hear President Sonne and President Cornelius Zappay of the Netherlands Mission.

**NEW ANTWERP BRANCH PROGRESSING.**—Missionaries of the Netherlands Mission are being well received in Antwerp, Belgium. A fine hall has been rented and attractively decorated. Though proselyting activities were but recently started there, the average attendance at meeting is fifty. The eight members recently baptised will soon be joined by others.

**MISSION PRESIDENCIES COMPLETED IN FRENCH, SWISS-AUSTRIAN MISSIONS.**— Chosen as counsellors to President James L. Barker of the French Mission are Elder Joseph Hasoppe of Seraing, Belgium, first counsellor, and Elder Lynn B. Evans of Salt Lake City, second counsellor. These brethren were set apart at the missionary meeting during the Swiss District Conference of the French Mission by President Sonne, April 23rd.

**MORE ELDERS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE-SYRIAN MISSION.**— Landing in Haifi during the recent "cease fire" period, four elders proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon, and are now assisting President Badwagan Piranian and two other missionaries of the Palestine-Syrian Mission in preaching the Gospel in Syria and Lebanon.

Now assisting President Scott Taggart of the Swiss-Austrian Mission are Elder Alfred Niederhauser, first counsellor, and Elder William Zimmer, second counsellor. These brethren,

**PRESIDENT SONNE'S TRAVELS.**— Following the Netherlands Mission Conference, President Sonne spent ten days in Germany and planned to visit Czechoslovakia before returning to England early in June.

# **British Mission**



## **ARRIVALS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" on April 29th:

Elder **MELVIN RUSSELL BALLARD, Jr.**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Nottingham District.

Elder **JOHN SHIRLEY CORNWALL** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Liverpool District.

Elder **HUGH S. WEST** of San Carlos, California, was assigned to labour in the London District.

Elder **MELVIN CHARLES HARTSHORN** of Lehi, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Welsh District.

Elder **JAMES WILLIAM STEWART** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Bristol District.

Elder **DON CAROL CARTER** of Blackfoot, Idaho, was assigned to labour in the Welsh District.

The following missionary arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Washington" on May 5th:

Sister **DONETTA JUNE CARLISLE** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Birmingham District.

The following missionary arrived in the British Isles from the Swiss-Austrian Mission on May 14th:

Elder **LINDEN B. DIAL** of Long Beach, California, was assigned to labour in the Scottish District.

The following missionaries arrived in the British Isles aboard the "Queen Mary" on Thursday, May 27th:

Elder **GORDON S. SAVAGE** of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, was assigned to labour in the Bristol District.

Elder **DEE E. HIPWELL** of Ogden, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Hull District.

Elder **VAL J. YOUNG** of Huntington, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Bristol District.

Elder **BOYD D. HARRIS** of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour in the London District.

Elder **BUD M. HARRISON** of Los Angeles, California, was assigned to labour in the Scottish District.

Elder **CHARLES BAILEY SAINSBURY** of Sandy, Utah, was assigned to labour in the Manchester District.



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## **RELEASE**

Elder **OLIVER J. BENNETT** was released as a missionary to the British

Mission on May 7th. Elder Bennett has served in the London, Welsh, and Leeds Districts.



## APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Elder **JOSEPH W. GRANT** was transferred from the Nottingham District to the Scottish District on June 1st.

Elder **EYRE R. TURNER** was transferred from the Scottish District to the Nottingham District on June 1st.

Elder **GORDON GRAVES** was transferred from the Hull District to the Manchester District on May 12th.

Elder **FRANK DAVIS** was transferred from the Manchester District to the Hull District on May 12th.

Elder **REED M. IZATT** was appointed District President of the Scottish District on May 26th.

Elder **VENNOR J. MEACHAM** was appointed Mission Secretary on May 24th.



## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Terry Webb

The following persons were baptised at a baptismal service in Birmingham on April 17th: Caroline M. Keight was baptised by Samuel Jevons and confirmed by President George F. Poole of the British Mission Presidency; Nellie Hannah was baptised by District President Charles L. Norton and confirmed by E. John S. Jones; Raymond Ernest Anderton was baptised by Elder LaMar T. Empey and confirmed by Elder Garth Eames; Brian Rex Harris was baptised by Elder Empey and confirmed by Elder Myron W. McIntyre; Bernard William Adams was baptised by Elder Ross Whitaker and confirmed by Frederick Webb; Eileen Winifred Mace was baptised by President Norton and confirmed by George A. Makin; Aileen J. Lees was baptised by President Norton and confirmed by James B. Neil; George Edward Mace was baptised by President Norton and confirmed by Elder Richard W. Hendricks; Gwendel V. Burgess was baptised by La Mar T. Empey and confirmed by Anthony T. Burgess.

Following the baptismal service and union meeting, the Birmingham M.I.A.

presented a series of four plays under the direction of Mary Thomas, assisted by Muriel Adams. The plays were entitled, "Who's Who," "Aunt Madge," "None So Deaf," and "Temporary Wife."

The Birmingham Branch M.I.A. gave a social marking the end of the winter programme on April 30th. Games, under the direction of E. John S. Jones, concluded a most entertaining evening.

The Bee-hive Girls and Junior Girls gave a dinner in honour of their mothers on May 4th. There were twenty present in all.

E. John S. Jones was released from the office of M.I.A. President as he is emigrating soon. Ivor Thomas, replacing him, selected Derek Craig and Leslie Megeney for his counsellors. Phillip Green is the new secretary.

### HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Helen Bryant

On April 17th, the eve of the Hull District Conference, approximately eighty members and friends enjoyed a programme of musical items, monologues, and a play presented by the



members of the Hull Branch M.I.A. Games and dances concluded a very enjoyable evening. During intermission the District M.I.A. Queen was chosen. The honour fell to Melba Jean Guest of the Hull Branch, who was crowned by Sister Gladys S. Boyer.

The Hull Branch Primary Conference was held on May 2nd in the Branch Chapel, with forty-seven children taking part. Many parents of the children were in attendance and enjoyed seeing how their children spend their time in Primary. Most of the Primary children are not members of the Church. It is most encouraging to the officers and teachers to see the children in attendance at meetings. The Hull Branch Primary now has fifty children who attend Primary regularly. Zion is growing.

President Koln Gunn McKay and Burchell E. Hopkin recently undertook to locate the Saints who reside in the town of Scunthorpe. The elders were able to locate every member on record except one. The encouragement offered President McKay by those Saints was such that he is anticipating the organisation of a home Sunday School there.

Open-air meetings are being emphasised as an important proselyting activity. Every effort is being made to obtain permission from local authorities and private estate holders in Hull, to use various vacant spots as sites for open-air meetings. In Scarborough, the elders are attempting to procure the right to hold meetings on the sands, where vast crowds will be congregated during the holiday season.

## **IRISH DISTRICT**

Reported by Andre C. Anastasiou

The month of May saw the members of the Belfast Branch Sunday School engaged in some outdoor entertainments. On May 21st, a double decker bus was hired and members and friends spent an enjoyable three hour bus tour. The trip was quite lively, with choral singing from the younger element on the top deck. Stops were made at two seaside towns, where

games were played on the beaches and considerable quantities of fish and chips were consumed. Sixty people were in attendance. A very good time was had by all.

## **LEEDS DISTRICT**

Repor ted by Ralph L. Jack

Thirteen persons were baptised into the Church in the Leeds District during the month of April. The following persons were baptised by Elder Albert J. Longhurst: Frank Derek and Margaret Lee, confirmed by Bradford Branch President Stanley Robertshaw; Mary Durk and Louis Arthur Durk, confirmed by Elder Norville Craven; Derek Woodcock and Delia Jeffery, confirmed by District President Weston N. Christensen. Martha Helliwell was baptised by Elder Wayne Rose and confirmed by Halifax Branch President Frank Holroyd. Effie Woodcock and Joan Bradbrook were baptised by Elder Norville Craven and confirmed by Elder Longhurst and President Robertshaw, respectively. Margaret Kirk was baptised and confirmed by Albert Kirk. Audrey Fallon, Doreen Fallon and Doris Greenwood were baptised by Elder John M. Newey and confirmed by Elder Rose, Elder Ralph L. Jack, and Elder Hal K. Campbell, respectively.

A Genealogical class has been formed in the Halifax Branch, with Branch President Frank Holroyd as chairman. The class leader is Melvin Holroyd and the secretary, Brian Holroyd. "Latter-day Saint Family" and the Genealogical Handbook will be used for study purposes.

The "S.S.M.I.A." was successfully launched on May 3rd in the District dance series. Skipper for the evening was Elder Norville Craven. The crew was comprised of Leeds Branch M.I.A. members, who were sponsors.

A Maytime Ball was presented for District members and friends on May 1st. Queen of the Ball was Bernice Marsden, who was resplendent in a white satin gown and crystal tiara. The programme was varied, including dances by Gleaners and Primary children.

The Dewsbury Relief Society members commenced a welfare project on April 26th by spading and seeding a garden plot at Fernbrook, the Branch home.

### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

Reported by Howard C. Macfarlane

A full and entertaining programme was arranged for the Liverpool District Conference. On Saturday, May 1st, a programme was presented by the Liverpool Branch M.I.A. It included a ball game, winding of the Maypole, and a concert of song and dance by the Primary children, and a pageant in the evening. However, Mr. Weatherman predicted rain, so all games were moved inside. Tea was served by the Y.W. M.I.A.

At 7.45, over 100 people were seated in the Liverpool Branch Chapel expectantly awaiting the opening song of the pageant. The lights went out and spotlights played upon the readers. The chorus, consisting of Gleaner Girls and elders, sang softly the theme song, "Praise to the Man," as the pageant, "The Seven Dispensations," was introduced.

Eight scenes and a finale portrayed to the audience how God, from the beginning of time, has revealed His will to His children through chosen prophets. Receiving special praise were the scenes of "Abraham" and "Mary at the Tomb." In depicting the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times, the story of Joseph Smith, the latter-day prophet, was beautifully set forth. Eight songs, three organ voluntaries, and a violin obligato helped to tell the story of God's dealings with men on earth from Adam to the present day.

Many compliments were received on the script and continuity of the scenes and music. One of the many friends and investigators present, who hitherto had attended no Latter-day Saint meetings, was heard to remark: "I must become a member of this wonderful organisation." One sister voiced the opinion of many when she said: "If I were not already a member of this Church, I would certainly have been converted tonight."

### LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Ruth Millard

Brighton has a flourishing scout troop under the direction of Branch President John W. Perry, who has been connected with scouting for many years and is a Group Scoutmaster.

Valuable assistance was given by Elders Clarence I. Olsen, Owen Parkinson and William E. Mitchell.



Starting with ten boys, the troop has grown to over twenty. The friendly rivalry between the patrols (Hawks, Lions and Seagulls) is to be admired. They are commencing their summer programme, which will consist of hikes, pioneering, woodcraft and, of course, camping.

On May 1st, South London Branch Primary gave a concert. The 116 people who attended saw the results of the hard work of the officers and teachers, who were rewarded for their efforts by the success of the show. The children later presented them with a corsage each. The Primary Queen, Barbara Wynn, presided over the evening's entertainment, which consisted of individual items, scenes from Snow White, the Pied Piper of Hamelin, a visit to fairy land, and by popular request, a repeat performance of "They're Changing Guards at Buckingham Palace."

Baptismal services were held at the South London Branch on May 23rd. Vera Louisa Alfreds was baptised by Elder Bruce E. Peterson and confirmed by District President Richard W. Clayton. Brian Michael Leese was baptised by Elder Peterson and confirmed by South London Branch President Frank Smith.

North London Branch Conference took place on April 18th and consisted of two sessions. Many district officers were present.

A branch conference was held in South London Branch on April 25th. There was a good attendance at all three sessions. President Reid, of the Mission Presidency, was also present and addressed those present in the third session.

On May 2nd, Luton Branch held its Branch Conference consisting of two sessions. There was a good attendance and a fine spirit prevailed.

### **MANCHESTER DISTRICT**

Reported by Norman T. Woodhead

On Saturday afternoon, May 8th, the Rochdale Greys played the Oldham Saints at baseball in a league game. President Selvoy J. Boyer, Sister Gladys S. Boyer, and a large party of missionaries were in attendance. President Boyer pitched the first ball of a very exciting game. 500 people watched and cheered the Greys to a well deserved victory, 16—13. Stars of the game included William Fitton of the Saints and Elder Frank P. Reese and Herbert Woodhead for the Greys. Four missionaries have been signed by each team and are creating a good impression in the league.

On the night of April 8th, a cast of sixty members of the M.I.A. put on a musical revue which was attended by 196 people. It was a great show. Elder Reese and Sister Ruth Gates, along with the entire cast, are to be congratulated on a fine performance. It will go down in the history of the District as one of the best shows ever.

At a recent baptismal service held in the Gorton Baths, Manchester, the following persons were baptised and confirmed members of the Church: Doris C. Hughes of Radcliffe was baptised by Elder Robert L. Shaw and confirmed by Harold T. Pardoe; Arthur Silverman of Denton was baptised by Elder Roydon N. Rice and confirmed by Elder Charles E. Scott, Jnr; George Albert Taylor of Denton was baptised by Elder Thomas C. Madill and confirmed by Elder Calvin C. Lambert; Alice Taylor of Denton was baptised by Elder T. Lawrence Oliphant and con-

firmed by Elder Vernal L. Bowden; Marjorie Alice Cooper was baptised by Elder Jack L. Cornia and confirmed by Elder Calvin G. Quinney; Jean Daniels of Denton was baptised by Elder Frank C. Davis and confirmed by District President George W. Bruerton.

### **NEWCASTLE DISTRICT**

Reported by Joyce H. Tiffen

A farewell party was given at the Sunderland Branch on April 21st in honour of Elder Bruce E. Peterson who, before his transfer to the London District, laboured for a year as President of the Newcastle District. He is scheduled to return to America on the 9th of this month. Elder Kenneth M. Oswald, on behalf of the Saints of the Newcastle District, presented Elder Peterson with a white silk scarf, as a token of their esteem and affection.

On April 26th, President and Sister Selvoy J. Boyer paid a visit to the Sunderland Branch and attended a Priesthood and Relief Society Meeting. Their advice and instruction was greatly appreciated by the members attending these meetings. A number of the missionaries labouring in the District also gave addresses. Vocal numbers were rendered by Elder Harold M. Dougal and the Missionary Chorus.

April 8th was a very happy day for Rosalie Walker of the Sunderland Branch. She celebrated her twenty-first birthday at a party at the Sunderland Branch. Over fifty members and friends attended. A festive spirit prevailed throughout the evening.

### **NORWICH DISTRICT**

Reported by Wesley R. Williams

The Norwich District has been the scene of a considerable amount of activity. The Norwich Saints and their friends enjoyed two evenings of entertainment in the chapel recreation room. On April 27th, an M.I.A. social was held in honour of the closing of the winter programme and the commencement of the summer programme. A Sunday School social was held on May 1st to raise funds to provide an outing for the children in the summer. The Norwich missionaries put on a



skit as part of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served to complete the evening.

In Lowestoft, on the evening of April 20th, a social was held in the chapel as the new M.I.A. officers were installed for the summer programme. The Missionary Chorus favoured them with a song. Elder George Palmer and Annie Elizabeth Stafford sang a duet.

The missionaries held their monthly meeting on April 24th in the Yarmouth Branch. Following the missionary meeting, an open-air meeting was held in the town centre.

Elders Lysle Munns and T. Melvin Aldous have secured a meeting hall in Cambridge. The first evening service was held on May 9th.

New district assistants have been appointed as follows: Elder Thomas D. Harper, M.I.A.; Elder Joseph Crowther, Sunday School; Bessie Coleby, Primary.

#### **NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT**

Reported by M. June Wilson

On April 16th, Brian Hayes of the Nottingham Branch was baptised by Elder Koln Gunn McKay and confirmed by Branch President Joseph Hayes.

An M.I.A. Social and Dance was held in Hucknall on April 24th, at which entertainment was provided by five branches — Eastwood, Nottingham, Derby, Mansfield and Hucknall. George Bradley was in charge of the evening's entertainment. Ninety people were in attendance.

On May 8th, a "Scouts' Carnival" was held in the Byron Buildings, Hucknall. Badges were presented by the Scouts by Mission Scoutmaster Bertram Stokes and Elder Joseph M. Reed. There were eighty in attendance.

On April 15th, baptismal services were held at the Vestry Street Baths, in Leicester. George G. C. Evinson and Mary Beddon were baptised by Elder J. Owen Duncan and confirmed by Elders James M. Toone and Leslie J. Sullivan, respectively.

On April 27th, the Relief Society of Leicester held its party under the direction of C. Elizabeth Vice. The twenty-seven people present had a very enjoyable time.

Branch President C. William Knowles and Elder Noble V. King are doing a fine work in Mansfield. Attendance at Sacramento meetings is increasing steadily.

#### **SCOTTISH DISTRICT**

Reported by Reed M. Izatt

Spring has come to Scotland. With the closing of the winter programmes, all in the Scottish District are looking forward to a summer filled with social and recreational activity. Plans are being made to spend many happy afternoons and evenings beside Scottish Lochs, Bens and on green meadows overlooking Scottish coasts.

Closing the indoor M.I.A. season April 27th, Dundee Branch held a social at the home of Elizabeth McKensie. Margaret McKensie and Elder Paul H. Maeser were in charge of the refreshments and games which highlighted the evening's entertainment.

The Relief Society organisation has recently been formed in the Dundee Branch. Louisa Leece is President, Elizabeth McKensie her Counsellor and Secretary, and Margaret McKensie is Instructor.

Glasgow Branch M.I.A. held its closing social on May 7th. The programme presented a summary of the topics which had been studied during the past year and included country dances, folk singing, story telling, and play acting. A one-act play was presented by Marjorie Foote. Those participating were Eleanor Junor, Elder Paul C. Fletcher, Elder Verl J. Iverson, William Scott and Raymond Ramsden. The Relief Society served the refreshments. The Glasgow Primary, under the direction of Marjorie Foote, presented the programme on May 2nd.

A very successful District Relief Society Bazaar was held the evening before the Scottish District Conference, on April 24th.

At Aberdeen the M.I.A. has obtained the use of the Middle School for its meetings. The Boy Scouts are now able to use the excellent facilities of the gymnasium. On May 3rd, the Aberdeen Sunday School held an enjoyable picnic at Inverurie.

### **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT**

Reported by Arvilla Smith

The District Gleaner and M Men banquet and dance was held in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint Hall on April 17th. The Relief Society sisters cooked a delightful dinner, served by the Bee-hive girls. Toasts were made. A pianoforte selection was played by Gloria Thornton. Music was supplied by friends of the Church. 100 members and friends enjoyed a happy evening. In charge of the programme was Peggy Card, M.I.A. District Supervisor.



A May Day dance was held in the Sheffield Latter-day Saint Hall

on May 1st. Everyone had a good time. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society sisters.

Mary Clarke and her two sons, Stephen Dale and Trevor, were baptised in the Sheffield Branch Chapel on May 6th by Elder A. Ray Rawson and confirmed by Elder Clay S. Tanner, Francis Bitton and J. Blythe Moyes, respectively.

Stella Naylor of the Doncaster Branch was baptised on April 22nd by Elder Robert M. Francis and confirmed by Elder Robert I. Call.

Following District Union Meeting, held in Doncaster on April 25th, eighty-

five people enjoyed a dinner prepared by the officers of the Sunday School. A good programme followed. The court scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was produced by Kitty Machin.

Forty people attended a Primary social given on May 1st in the Doncaster Meeting Hall. Refreshments were served by Primary Mother Maud Harbon and her assistants, Stella Naylor.

### **WELSH DISTRICT**

Reported by Gladys Mason

The Merthyr Tydfil M.I.A., under the direction of Evelyn Davies, President, had a very successful season. There was an average attendance of twenty-seven throughout the winter programme. The closing party, consisting of a dance and refreshments, was most successful. More than a hundred tickets were sold. The hall was filled to capacity and everyone spent an enjoyable evening. Funds collected above expenses are to be used for a summer outing for Mutual members.

Primary Conference at Merthyr was conducted on May 2nd under the supervision of Esther Robbins, Primary President. There were forty-one persons in attendance at the meeting. Nineteen children took part on the programme which consisted of singing, reciting and speaking. Interest in the Merthyr Tydfil Primary is growing.

At Pontypool, on May 9th, under the supervision of Gladys Mason, Elder Ernest M. Jones, and Sister Elva Bennett, Primary Conference was held. Trevor Morgan was the orator. Songs most beautifully rendered by the children and poems well recited were enjoyed by all present.

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### **NEW ADDRESS FOR GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT**

**T**HE British Mission Genealogical Department has now moved to No. 10 Oxford Road, Dewsbury, Yorks. Please send all enquiries for research, genealogical report, temple sheets, etc., to this address.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCES

LEEDS, WELSH, HULL, SCOTTISH, LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER,  
NOTTINGHAM, LONDON

**T**HE Spring, 1948, series of District Conferences came to a successful conclusion on May 30th with the convening of the London District Conference.

Conferences were held in the Leeds, Welsh, Hull, Scottish, Liverpool, Manchester and Nottingham Districts on April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th, and 23rd. The Mission Presidency,

Presidents Selvoy J. Boyer, Wallace R. Reid and George F. Poole report that attendances in nearly all conferences have increased considerably over the previous conference series, and that the spirit in each meeting has been excellent.

Top attendances were 315 at the London District Conference and 280 at the Nottingham District Conference.

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## PERSONALS

### BIRTHS

**SILSBURY.** — Brian Godfrey Silsbury, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. E. Silsbury, born on July 25th, was blessed on May 2nd by G. H. Bickerstaff.

**SMITH.** — On May 2nd, the infant daughter of South London Branch President and Mrs. Frank Smith, born April 16th, was blessed by her father and given the name Frances Lesley Ann Smith.

**THOMPSON.** — Richard Osborn Thompson, infant son of Horace B. Thompson and Gladys (Osborn) Thompson, formerly of St. Albans Branch, was born on May 2nd.

### DEATHS

**TOWNE.** — Fred Towne, husband of Mary Allen Towne of the Burnley Branch, died on February 27th. Funeral services were conducted by Elder C. Norman Gardner. The grave was dedicated by Elder Clifton McBride.

### EMIGRATIONS

**WRIGHT.** — Thomas Wright and family of the Hucknall Branch, left for Independence, Missouri, on January 7th. Gifts were presented to him by the Hucknall Saints.

**BETTRIDGE.** — James Bettridge of Hucknall left for America on May 7th. A farewell social and party was given in his honour on May 7th.

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### REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR IN ZION

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time you read this I shall be revelling in all the excitement that marks the Republican and Democratic conventions in a presidential election year.

I know that I shall look back on the date on which the Republican Convention opens in Philadelphia, June 21st, with mixed feelings, for it was on that day last year that I boarded the plane from London for New York.

It is indeed a special day for me for it is my birthday and I recall with what humble gratitude I thanked heaven for sending me off to such an

auspicious start — a new life, a new year, a new land — all on the same day. . . .

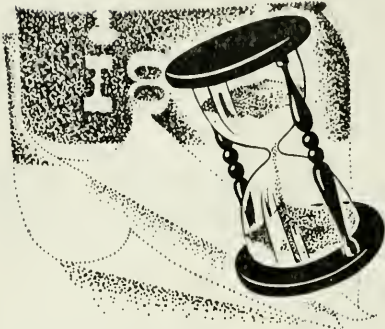
Now a year is past and all is well! A new centennial has opened and—I feel that it is almost a special blessing of providence for me—and I have the great privilege of being allowed to be in it from the very beginning.

I thank God that this is so, and in closing ask all my old friends and those who helped me when I was halting, and gave me eyes when I was blind, to take this road, not to forget me in their prayers and to ask that I shall have the strength to continue as I have begun.



# IN RETROSPECT

(FLASHBACKS OF EVENTS IN CHURCH HISTORY)



**100 YEARS AGO**—President Brigham Young broke camp at the Elkhorn and commenced his second journey across the plains to the Great Salt Lake Valley, this time with a company consisting of 1,229 souls and 397 wagons. He was followed by Heber C. Kimball's company of 662 souls and 226 wagons, and Willard Richard's company, consisting of 526 souls and 169 wagons.

**90 YEARS AGO** — The United States Army under Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston sent to repel Utah's mythical rebellion passed peaceably through Great Salt

Lake City and camped on the west side of the Jordan river. It subsequently marched to Cedar Valley and there located Camp Floyd, about forty miles from the city.

**80 YEARS AGO** — Heber C. Kimball, first counsellor to President Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City on June 22nd.

Four ships carrying a total of 2,593 Latter-day Saint emigrants sailed from Liverpool during the month.

## THE DIVINE CHURCH AND THE HUMAN CHURCH

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Saviour's death: Justin (died 166, a martyr at Rome) states, "One may see among us men and women who have received the gifts of the Spirit of God."

How long would the gifts of the Spirit continue in the church? Evidently, as long as the church endures, the gifts and the guidance of the Spirit will be given, since "the promise (of the Holy Ghost) is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2: 39)

If men fail to "obey" and the authority of the priesthood is lost, the gifts of the Spirit will cease, and the "witness" of the Holy Ghost will not be given, and there will be no one who can testify that Jesus is the Christ.

Even during the life of the apostles, there arose teachers of false doctrines and, after their death, heretics sometimes formed their own churches. By the middle of the third century, con-

verts from these heretical sects began to ask for admission to one or other of the churches of apostolic foundation. Some of these converts had been born in the heretical sects; others had been baptised into them from paganism. The question arose, how should they be admitted into the apostolic churches. Was their heretical "baptism" sufficient or was it no baptism?

Tertullian, the Apostolic Constitutions, two Phrygian councils, the council of Iconium (230-235), the council of Synnada, and three councils called by Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, declared baptism without authority to be no baptism. Cyprian affirmed that heretics have no authority to baptise: "We say that all heretics and schismatics have no authority or right whatever." Bishop Stephen of Rome maintained that those coming from any heresy whatsoever were not to be "re-baptised, but were to be received by laying on of hands; that is, were to be confirmed only. The important thing according to Stephen's view, was not who performed the baptism, but the

form of the words themselves used in baptism, it being thought that these words had a power in themselves, since the baptism was in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Baptism without authority came to be generally accepted and, as this practice increased, the gifts of the Spirit became infrequent and then ceased entirely. Inspiration in the Church gave way to dissension, debate, and the use of force. The Holy Ghost being no longer received, the churches came to deny the "power" of the Spirit. There was no longer any unfailling source of truth to serve as a principle of unity in the decisions of priesthood and laity, and to harmonise the exercise of the principles of authority and human liberty.

Soon there was no "witness" that Jesus is the Christ because, without the gift of the Holy Ghost, no one can say that Jesus is the Christ (I Corinthians 12: 3) There was no longer any divine direction of the Church.

The divine church had become a human church.

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## THE STORY BEHIND THE BROADCAST

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instantly recognised the man taking the part of Joseph Smith to be John Slater, a cinema actor of "It Always Rains on Sunday" fame. They were all very pleasant and extremely kind. We were swamped with questions about the Mormons and were soon both busily engaged in answering the many queries which had arisen in the actors' minds.

Then suddenly the boy attendant entered the studio with a message that there were three representatives from the Reorganised Church in the lobby that desired to see the producer. Presently three men with determination in their eyes entered the hall leading to the studio. The boy attendant mistakenly took them to Frank Ward. They introduced themselves as the European Mission President and repre-

sentatives from Birmingham and Manchester, respectively. Their astonishment was quite obvious as Frank Ward explained that he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He diplomatically informed them that we had successfully inaugurated many changes and appeased them by suggesting that any more demands on the part of outsiders might spoil everything. After a few short words with the producer, they departed.

It was with thankfulness in our hearts that we left the Broadcasting House. Certainly, there were many other alterations which we would have desired, but all the major ones had been effected. As the programme was broadcast that night, I'm sure that no one in Great Britain was listening with greater intent than Frank Ward and I.

During the days to follow, I listened with interest to the comments of the Saints concerning the broadcast. One sister complained that Brigham Young's voice was far too gruff. Another did not like the weird background music. One brother thought the language used by the mobs was outrageous. But most were highly complimentary towards the B.B.C. and commended its apparent policy of attempting to broadcast the truth.

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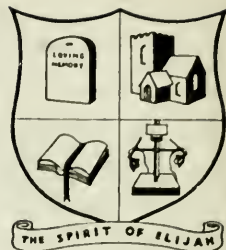
## "NEW" BRADFORD BRANCH PROGRESSING

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Branch genealogical activities are directed by Chairman Barbara Whitaker. Weekly meetings are held, though at present the number active is small.

Bradford Branch members have responded to their callings and have offered support to those called as their leaders. Great progress is indeed being made. But greater improvement can be made, and it is the hope of the Bradford Saints that the branch will continue to move ahead and show the progress characteristic of Latter-day Saints everywhere.

# REPORT ON MICRO-FILM ACTIVITIES



**T**HE following has been micro-filmed from the Central Reference Library, Newcastle, covering the counties of Northumberland and Durham: Two volumes of manuscript copies of deeds, Sir Arthur Maul Oliver's collection of pedigrees, monuments on Ford Castle, and obituary notices from the Newcastle Courant.

In addition, the pedigrees for the following families were micro-filmed:

Anstey, Appleby, Archer, Attwood, Aynsley.

Bacon, Bagley, Bainbridge, Baker, Barber, Barwick, Bates, Bayles, Beckles, Bell, Blake, Bolam, Boute Flower, Bowes, Bramwell, Brass, Brockett, Browell, Brunton, Bulmer, Burrell, Byne.

Call, Carrington, Cartwright, Chambers, Chilton, Chipchase, Christopher, Clarke, Clennell, Collier, Collingwood,

Compton, Conyers, Cooke, Crawhall, Crofton, Crosby, Crown, Cruddas, Curry and Milburne.

Dagnis, Dalston, Darnell, Davison, Dawson, Dean, Debord, Denton, Dixon, Dodsworth, Dodds.

Eade, Easton Eldon, Ewbank.

Fairless, Fell, Fenwick, Ferens, Forster, Fox.

Gallilee, Gowland, Grace, Granger, Greensword, Grenwell, Gregson, Griffith, Grey.

Haggie, Harrison, Haswell, Head Headlam, Henderson, Hendry, Hick, Hodgson, Hopper, Horsley, Howard, Hubbersty, Hubbod, Humble, Hume, Hutchinson.

Ingleby.

James, Jepson, Johnson, Joicey.

Kirkley.

Lamb, Lambert, Langstaffe, Leighton, Liddell.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENING SERVICES FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

The programme for the first Sunday of each month for the next twelve months will be presented by the various organisations as follows:

July 4th, 1948	-	-	-	Priesthood.
August 1st, 1948	-	-	-	Primary Association.
September 5th, 1948	-	-	-	Genealogical Society.
October 3rd, 1948	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association.
November 7th, 1948	-	-	-	Relief Society.
December 5th, 1948	-	-	-	Sunday School.
January 2nd, 1949	-	-	-	Genealogical Society.
February 6th, 1949	-	-	-	Priesthood.
March 6th, 1949	-	-	-	Relief Society.
April 3rd, 1949	-	-	-	Mutual Improvement Association.
May 1st, 1949	-	-	-	Primary Association.
June 5th, 1949	-	-	-	Sunday School.





## Plans progressing for Mission-wide Scout Jamboree



**F**INAL plans are being formulated for the British Mission-wide Boy Scout Jamboree to be held near Nottingham from July 24th to July 31st, under the direction of Mission Scoutmaster Bertram H. Stokes.

The Jamboree Committee is as follows: Bertram H. Stokes, Camp Chief; Arthur Coleman, Deputy Camp Chief; John W. Perry, Deputy Camp Chief in charge of camp fires; Stanley Robertshaw, Deputy Camp Chief in charge of photography; and Victor L. Palmer, Deputy Camp Chief in charge of camp programme.

The goal of the committee is to have in attendance at the Nottingham Jamboree a troop, or at least two representative scouts, from every branch where scouts are organised. All Scoutmasters or group leaders who are planning to attend the conference are asked to make immediate preparations for the eight-day stay.

All troops are instructed to obtain a "permission to camp form" from Mr. W. J. C. Parker, Scout Camp, Walesby Forest, Walesby, near Newark, Notts, and to return to him the completed form at least twenty-one days prior to the date of the camp. Also, each troop should contact Mr. Bertram H. Stokes, 118 Stamford Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, as soon as possible, and request an "order form for rations."

The Scoutmaster, or whoever is in charge of the troop camping, must report to the warden on arrival at the Walesby Forest Camp and take up the site allotted. Camping fees (viz., Scouters 4d. and Scouts 2d. per night) are payable on day of arrival. The official entrance to the camp is the only one to be used.

The programme to be followed by the Scouts at the Jamboree will include inter-troop competitions, hiking, swimming, sports events, displays, a conducted tour of Nottingham, campfire programmes, inspections, pioneering and explorations.

Plans have been made to issue special neckerchiefs and emblems for all scouts attending the jamboree. Proposals are now being considered whereby travelling expenses can be pooled, thus reducing the cost of those who travel greater distances.

The Latter-day Saints Scouts have been assigned to conduct the "Scout's Own Service" on July 25th for the entire camp. The Mission Presidency will be in attendance at camp on that day. The Mission Scout leaders believe that this will be a wonderful opportunity to present to other Scouts and Scouters the Scouting Programme in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## THE CHURCH AND THE PRESS IN BRITAIN

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in the world, and they deserve the greatest admiration for their achievements.

This afternoon I spent an hour in the Tabernacle grounds listening to one of their guides explain the beauties and utilities of their sacred buildings which stand proudly in the most attractive part of the city. I could not help comparing their achievement with those of Spiritualism . . . The difference must be attributed to lack of unity among Spiritualists and consequent absence of organisation.

It is my intention, while in Salt Lake City, to conduct, at my own expense if necessary, Spiritualistic services, but I know only one Spiritualist in the entire city. Salt Lake City is a good place to advocate any spiritual cause. A spirit of genial tolerance prevails on every hand, and the Mormons are, on the whole, a very open-minded people. I conducted services here in 1929 with marked success, owing to the enthusiastic support of a member of my family who has since passed on. Then the Mormons rallied to my support, and even invited me to speak in one of their churches.

### Birmingham Mail

. . . I have seen Denver in Colorado, set in the middle of magnificent mountain scenery, and spent some time exploring Salt Lake City, home of the Mormons. Salt Lake City deserves an article all its own. The great Mormon Tabernacle used on special occasions seats 8,000 people and is built on a ten-acre lot originally laid out by the church's founder a hundred years ago. The streets are wide, the civic organisation good. Whatever the peculiari-

ties of the Mormon faith (polygamy was abolished years ago), they certainly know how to build and run a city . . .

### Eltham and Kentish Times

MORMON TELLS ELTHAM ROTARIANS—Eltham Rotary Club had two unusual guests—both Mormons from America—at the weekly luncheon at the Castle Hotel on Tuesday. They were Mr. L. R. Mecham and Mr. E. E. Royle, and Mr. L. F. Pilcher welcomed them. Major F. W. Beech (vice-chairman) presided.

Mr. Mecham said they were in this country as missionaries for two years, at their own expense. They were members of a religious body founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith, who compiled "The Book of Mormon" which they regarded as of equal authority with the Bible. Joseph Smith was assassinated. He was succeeded by Brigham Young, who led the believers to what is now the State of Utah, where they built an imposing temple at Salt Lake City. They believed in the salvation of man through Christ, continued through the ruling head of the Mormon Church.

The speaker said they had members all over the world, 6,000 in England alone. He touched on the public prejudice against their doctrine, and said they had suffered persecution. One of their beliefs was that God judged people in His day, and they claimed that their Church was the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

During the discussion, the speaker said that polygamy had not been practised by Mormons since 1890, and before that by only four per cent. They also discourage divorce, believing that marriage was for all time and for eternity . . .

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# INFORMATIVE FACTS AND FIGURES

(INTERESTING NOTES CONCERNING PERSONS, PLACES, AND EVENTS  
RELATING TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

★ The hymn, "Hosanna," which is now more commonly known by its first line, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning," was especially written for the dedicatory services of the Kirtland Temple by William W. Phelps. The hymn was first sung at the date of the Temple dedication, March 27th, 1836.



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★ On April 20th, 1841, President Brigham Young and Elders Heber C. Kimball, Olson Pratt, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, and Willard Richards left Liverpool for America upon the completion of their twenty month mission in the British Isles. They started on their way at the commencement of their mission without any money and returned with none. Yet their labours had been blessed with phenomenal accomplishments. They had published 5,000 copies of the Book of Mormon; 3,000 copies of a hymn book; over 50,000 tracts and pamphlets; and established the **Millennial Star**. They were instrumental in bringing thousands of souls to a knowledge of the everlasting Gospel.

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★ In April, 1836, the prophet Elijah returned with the keys of work for the dead. In June, 1837, the first Latter-day Saint missionaries were set apart to labour in Great Britain. And in July, 1837, the general registration of vital statistics in Britain began, the records of which have been of inestimable value in compiling genealogy preparatory to doing work for the dead.

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★ Fourteen and three-quarters pages of the Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 5: 20 to 2 Nephi 11: 3) were inscribed in Hebrew upon a sheet of paper seven inches by eight inches, by Henry Miller, a Hebrew convert. At this same rate, the entire Book of Mormon, which is 522 pages in most English editions, could be written on just thirty-six sheets of paper, size seven by eight.

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★ The present organisation of the Church requires the official service as presiding officers, teachers, and other helpers, not including missionaries, of between fifty and sixty percent of all members fifteen to sixty-five years of age.

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★ The Seagull Monument, unveiled on the Temple Block in Salt Lake City on September, 1913, and the "This Is The Place" Monument unveiled at the foot of Emigration Canyon in Salt Lake City on July 24th, 1947, were both erected by Mahonri M. Young, grandson of President Brigham Young.

